

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

Application Number	10/594,096
Filing Date	September 25, 2006
First Named Inventor	Yasushi OKUBO et al
Group Art Unit	1794
Examiner Name	Gerard T. Higgins
Attorney Docket Number	06660/HG

1 of 1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam. Inits ¹	Cite No ²	Document Number ³	Kind Code ²	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Relevant Portion

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam Inits ¹	Cite No ²	Offc ³	Document Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Relevant Portion	T ⁶
		WO	2000036665					
		JP	05299519					
		JP	2002-40205					
		JP	11198281					
		JP	2000-192246					
			Documents have already been submitted on 12/05/2006					

Examiner Signature	/Gerard Higgins/	Date Considered	12/16/2008
--------------------	------------------	-----------------	------------

¹ EXAMINER: Initial if document considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

² Unique citation designation number. ³ See kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ⁴ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁵ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁶ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁷ Place a check here if English translation is attached.